

# The Northfield Press

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## Conference Dates For Coming Summer Announced In Preliminary Schedule; Seven Gatherings Will Be Held Here

Seven summer conferences and gatherings will be held here during the coming summer and the preliminary dates for each have been fixed, with the first conference opening on June 23 and the closing date of the last conference on Aug. 14. The engagements are as follows:

The Girls' conference from June 23-30; Women's Missionary conference, July 3-10; Religious Educational conference, July 10-21; United Presbyterian conference at Mt. Hermon, July 15-22; Christian Endeavor conference, July 24-31; Westminster Choir summer school at Mt. Hermon, July 24-Aug. 14; and the General conference, July 29-Aug. 14.

The General conference will again this year be presided over by Dr. Paul D. Moody, chairman of the General conference committee and he will be assisted by Dr. Paul Scherer.

It is announced that Dr. Adam Burnett, pastor of the Westbourne church of Glasgow, Scotland, will be one of the principal speakers at the General conference and that he will be present during the entire summer. Indications are that the various conferences will be well attended and that there is a lively interest in each one. Delegates will be quartered in the various dormitories at both the Seminary and Mt. Hermon.

The Auditorium and Sage chapel will be used for the various meetings as well as the chapel at Hermon. Thousands of visitors will again come to Northfield and these augmented by our many summer residents, in their homes and at the hotel, will provide an active season in this community.

## Fiftieth Anniversary Of Talcott Library

The fiftieth anniversary of Talcott Memorial library at Northfield Seminary will be observed in April of this year. The library, with 3500 volumes, was presented to the school by the late James Talcott of New York City in 1888 and was opened for student use in 1889.

The 3500 original books served as a nucleus around which a library of nearly 17,000 volumes has been built. In 1925, Mr. Talcott's son and daughter extensively remodeled and renovated the building, involving an expenditure of approximately \$10,000.

An anniversary party is to be held in Silverthorne hall on Saturday, April 22, and at that time gifts to the library from friends, alumnae and present Northfield Seminary students, will be received and acknowledged in a special ceremony.

Miss Stella M. Morse of Watertown, the present librarian, was appointed in 1932. She is assisted in her work here by Miss Ethel Moody of East Northfield and Miss Barbara Hatch of Waltham.

## Profit For January

According to a report, the B. & M. R. is expected to show a profit for the month of January. According to Mr. Trowbridge, vice-president, the gain for the first three weeks of the month was about 14 per cent ahead of the same month of the previous year. If the last week maintained a similar gain, it will be the first month for a long time that a surplus was found in the operation of the road.



DR. PAUL D. MOODY  
Chairman of General Conference committee who will preside at its sessions to be held on the Seminary campus this summer.

## County Church Group To Hear M. E. Bishop

The annual winter meeting of the Franklin County Congregational club will be held at the Mansion House in Greenfield next Tuesday evening, Feb. 28 at 6:30 o'clock. After the dinner, Rev. Dr. Herbert Welch, who has spent the past 16 years in the Far East will speak of the work of his church in Korea, Japan and China. Rev. H. S. Hannum of Shelburne Falls will be the presiding officer. Howard B. Roche will be the soloist. Officers for the year will be chosen.

## Mrs. Robert Hartman

The death of Mrs. Robert E. Hartmann of Brooklyn took place at her home on Jan. 30. She has been a summer resident of Northfield for many years and lived in the Mountain Park section. She was born in New York City, Elizabeth Geiger, on May 1st, 1859, and was married to Robert E. Hartmann, May 1st, 1878. She was the mother of Anna H. Cateley, Rose H. Stellman, Emma Hartman (with whom she made her home) and the late William F. Hartmann. Surviving are the three daughters, seven grandchildren and two great grand children.

One grandson, the late Robert W. Hartmann, was well known among the young people here and a memorial spruce to him is planted on Round Top. Mrs. Hartmann was a member of the Baptist church and an active worker in its societies. She spent much of her time here in the making of rugs and disposing of them to aid in the work of the missions. On Jan. 13 she suffered a fall, after which pneumonia set in, and her death followed the short illness. The funeral was held on Wednesday, Feb. 1 with her pastor, the Rev. J. Zerber officiating and burial was in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Hartmann enjoyed her summers here, and was much loved by many friends.

## Mrs. George E. Nye

Mrs. Lizzie Jane (Coy) Nye, wife of George E. Nye, died at her home on Winter street, in Peterborough, N. H., on Monday, Feb. 13. Her body was brought to Northfield for burial on Thursday of last week. The services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Allen Day of Peterborough.

## "Peck's Bad Boy" A Hilarious Comedy By An Able Cast

The Northfield Players announce the production of "Peck's Bad Boy," a hilarious comedy, at the town hall on two nights—Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7—the proceeds for the benefit of the High School Senior class Washington trip fund.

The story of the play, written by Charles George, has to do with the pranks played on the adult members of the family, by the bad boy and his pal and girl. The secret mix up, of the adults and their friends of former years, is all given away to different people during the play which makes hilarious fun. The servants in the house come in for their share of woe also. Altogether it is a riot of laughs in three acts during the entire evening.

The play is one which will be appreciated by both the old and the young and large audiences are expected to crowd the hall on both evenings.

The cast is as follows: Henry Peck, Sr., Lewis Wood; Henry Peck, Jr., Robert Fuller; Mrs. Peck, Julia Austin; Jimmy Duffy, Billy Richardson; Minnie, Elizabeth Simmons; Luella Thorne, Rena Tyler; Clifford Jennings, George Lenard; Melville Beaumont, Walter Hyde; Lizzie, Gladys Shattuck; Dahlia, Evelyn Johnson; Schultz, Donald Finch; Doris, Phyllis Cota; Flora, Helen Pearson; Lora, Glenna Gibson.

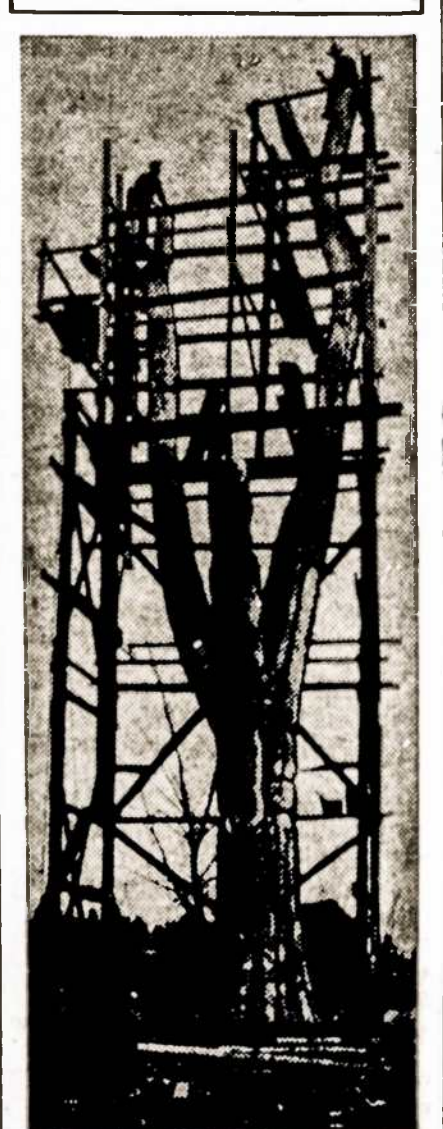
The music for the evening will be provided by Leon Dunnell. The prompter will be Miss Eastman, and Joseph W. Field will have charge of the make-up. Richard A. Cobb will be in the box office and the seniors will act as the ushers and conduct the sale of candy. High school and grade school students will have charge of the advance sale of tickets. Tickets purchased in advance will be good for either night.

## Politically Minded

The recent caucus of the town of Gill, reveals that many of the Mt. Hermon luminaries, appear in the spotlight of that town's political activities. Rev. Lester P. White was chosen as chairman of the caucus and Miss Mary T. Baker and Grove W. Deming were tellers. Gordon Pyper was nominated for selectmen, while Harry Erickson received the nomination for the school committee.

Merwin D. Birdsall who has served on the committee and was its chairman declined to run. Mrs. Carol Rickert was nominated for library trustee. Charles R. Mayberry received the nomination for tax collector and is the present incumbent. Carol Rickert was nominated for moderator in a field of two. Now it's up to the voters to decide.

## TREE OF LIFE



NEW YORK—This is a picture of a 60-foot statue being carved from an elm tree at South Windsor, Conn., by Lawrence Tenney Stevens. It will symbolize a great ethereal spirit and, with two smaller companion pieces representing man and woman, will be placed in a plaza at the New York World's Fair 1939.

## "Pioneer Valley" Is The Name Chosen By Visitors Assoc.

After a contest, in which the name "King Phillips Realm" was selected by a board of judges, for a befitting slogan to advertise the territory of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties, the executive committee of the Western Massachusetts Visitors' association, of which A. Gordon Moody is president, meeting in Northampton, Monday, discarded the same and selected the suggested name of "Pioneer Valley," by which the district will now be advertised as an attractive place in which to live, work and play.

The Western Massachusetts Visitors' association, which has organized the tri-county region in preparation for a financial campaign to carry on the work of promotion, becomes the "Pioneer Valley Association." Plans are in readiness to have it incorporated under that name.

For a year the possible names for the tri-county region have occupied the thoughts of the leaders. The name would have to apply to the three counties, would have to present the distinctive characteristics of this section of the Connecticut valley, and be economically and effectively used in advertising and promoting interest outside of the region, the leaders and members felt.

Every effort was made to collect suggested titles from all three counties through personal interviews, letters, consultation with advertising and promotional experts, and through the conduct of a name contest which brought nearly 500 responses to the newspapers that co-operated in conducting the contests. Prizes which amounted to \$150 were awarded to 30 of the contestants.

"King Phillips Realm" was awarded the first prize in the contest. "Vacation Valley" won second place, but the association had from the outset made it plain that it was not obligated to accept for final adoption any one of the names submitted in the contest.

In the final unanimous agreement upon "Pioneer Valley," the committee announced that its selection was based upon the following reasons: "Pioneer Valley covers the historical significance of the region, it pays tribute to the pioneering that has been done, is now being done, and will hopefully continue in the future in the fields of recreation, education and industry. It is short, easy to remember and has approval of advertising advisers.

"There are a great many 'firsts' in the valley that will stimulate the interest of people outside the region and encourage and inspire people within the region from the little villages to the great cities.

## Northfield Grange

Twenty-seven members of the Northfield Grange attended neighbors' night at Millers River Grange in Orange, Saturday night, Northfield, Templeton and Peterham Granges provided the program. Northfield provided a song by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson; readings by Mrs. C. I. Holton and Emory Rikert; accordion solos by Mrs. Ruth Holton; a group of European folk dances by Misses Helen Conley, Helen Detweiler, Marian Dunham and Zeta Barber, accompanied by Miss Faith Owens at the piano; an English dance and a game of animated scales led by Mrs. Gibson. Miss Conley spoke briefly of the activities of the Youth Hostels.

A regular meeting of the Grange will be held next Tuesday evening. The program will be presented by the married men, with A. H. Farnum, E. L. Morse, Ernest Durant, Fred White, Clayton Miller and Emory Rikert on the committee. Members are asked to bring a pound of something edible, which will be auctioned off. Pop corn will be served.

Northfield Grange will hold a dance at the Grange hall Thursday evening, March 2. Music will be provided by Richotte's orchestra. Refreshments will be on sale. The dance at the Grange hall last week Thursday proved most successful. Fifty-six tickets were sold and about fourteen dollars was cleared, half of which given to the senior class of the high school.

Grangers and friends will be interested to know of the Grange broadcasts every Saturday at 12:15 o'clock over WHAI.

The barber shop in the Bookstore building, operated by R. G. Sauter, is now open daily from 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## To Give Addresses



DR. ADAM BURNETT  
Pastor of Westbourne Church of Glasgow, Scotland who will address the Summer conferences to be held on the Seminary campus.

## Appeal For Chile; Red Cross Aiding

Mounting distress among the injured and homeless men, women and children in Chile, the acute need for medical and hospital supplies and the inadequacy of shelter, point to a continuing major disaster following the recent earthquake.

The American Red Cross has moved to give prompt aid through a contribution of \$11,000 in cash to the Chilean Red Cross; through sending four airplane loads of medical and hospital supplies.

President Roosevelt has issued a statement to the nation calling attention to the tragic situation and asking that money contributions be sent to the American Red Cross.

Individuals desiring to contribute are asked to send their gifts to the Red Cross chapter of Franklin county, Bank Row, Greenfield or to chairman John W. Haigis at the Franklin County Trust company.

## Fortnightly Plan For Big Fashion Show, Mar. 22

Wednesday, March 22, the Fortnightly will give a Fashion Show and food sale, in charge of the Ways and Means committee, consisting of Mrs. Ray Thompson, chairman, Mrs. George Pefferle, Mrs. Joseph W. Field, Mrs. Ross L. Spencer and Mrs. George Thompson. The affair will be given in the town hall and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the senior class Washington trip fund. Complete details and further announcement will be made later.

## Negro Tenor Coming To South Vernon Church

Ernest Johnson of Boston, the noted negro tenor, is coming to the South Vernon church next Sunday and will sing at both services. The morning church worship at 10:45 and the evening service at 7. The pastor, Rev. George A. Gray extends a cordial welcome to all friends to attend.

## Will Bring His Dogs To Hermon Next Year

The nationally known dog sled driver, Ed Moody, was a guest at Mount Hermon school on Thursday, Feb. 9, and gave a talk to the students in Camp hall, on his experiences with Admiral Byrd's expedition to the South Pole. Mr. Moody was accompanied by his dog "Hash." His remarks elicited so much interest that he was prevailed upon to visit Mt. Hermon again next year and bring his dogs and sled team.

## Gave Fine Address

At the meeting of the Brotherhood of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening a large group of members with the invited guests, the men of the Galford Lumber Co., sat down to a most appetizing supper, after which George McEwan introduced the speaker, the Rev. Albert J. Penner, pastor of the Second Congregational church of Holyoke, who recounted his experiences while traveling and studying in Germany and sketched the history of its people. The address was very educational.

## Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Porter of East Northfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla, to Charles H. Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Lawrence of West Northfield.

## What We Will Spend; These Amounts Voted At The Town Meeting

In a previous issue of the "Press," we gave a hurried and incomplete compilation of the amounts voted at the last annual town meeting. Since the total amount has reached the large and unusual amount of \$128,969.49, many of our citizens are asking as to how this sum was reached.

However, of this total some \$14,000 is provided for by a bond issue, \$150 comes from the storm damage fund, \$10,000 from surplus revenue, \$1500 from surplus overlay and \$3000 from machinery fund. Subtracting this total of 28,650 from the total appropriations, would leave a net of \$100,309.49 and this amount less the amount from county and state, which cannot be determined at present will have to be raised by taxation.

There is no doubt that our tax rate will be higher than last year, but the exact amount cannot be announced until the assessors have carefully gone over the situations of assessments, exemptions and allowances. Here are the items as voted:

Interest on temporary loans, \$50; Northfield Farms library, \$50; tree warden, \$100; street lighting, \$2955; special highway work, \$1700; schools, \$34,665; treasurer's salary, \$500; treasurer's expenses, \$125; bridges, \$500; soldiers' relief, \$1,000; Alexander hall, \$150; snow removal, \$3,000; old age assistance, \$7,000; school committee salary, \$150; contingent, \$1,500; inspection meat and slaughtering, \$150; inspection animals, \$125; fire department, \$1,662; maintenance water holes, \$200; department public welfare, \$5,700; aid to dependant children, \$600; town clerk salary, \$250; town clerk expense, \$25; selectmen's salary, \$600; road machinery fund, \$3,000; elections, \$500; fire and casualty insurance, \$1,500; sealer of weights and measures, \$150; accountant's salary, \$500; expense, \$35; town hall care, \$1,600; Alexander house and barn, \$100; assessors and clerk, \$600; public health, \$350; tax collector, salary, \$400; expense, \$125; gypsy moth, \$700; community nurse, salary, \$1,250; expense, \$25; railings, \$400; reserve fund, \$1,500; cemeteries, \$400; chapter 81, highway work, \$14,650; Dickinson Memorial library, \$1,400; Warwick road under chapter 90, \$4,000; Memorial Day exercises, \$125; high school repairs, \$21,000 (\$7,000 from taxation, \$14,000 bond issue); spraying trees, \$50; welfare and old age assistance clerk, \$200; forest fire equipment, \$1,500; constables pay, \$200; resurfacing sidewalks, \$500; athletic field care, \$200; unpaid bills, \$25.99; center and Pine school repairs, \$500; "Ditch Lot" drain, \$300; replacing church shed light, \$16.50; planting and care of trees from storm damage account, \$150; Ernest Whitney land drain, \$800; police supervision, young people's recreation, \$50.

## For Co-operation In Helping The Needy

The Northfield Public Health Council, through its chairman, Miss Anne Mattoon, has announced the organization of a Social Service committee. The work of this committee is so organized that it will relieve the district nurse from doing that social work which does not relate to nursing. They will also act as a clearing house for the various town agencies and private citizens who do social work. By this plan, duplication of effort will be avoided, and social work in the town will be unified.

At Thanksgiving, Christmas, and in time of emergency, there has often been an over-lapping of effort on the part of agencies and individuals. This duplication often works to the disadvantage of forgotten and needy families removed from the center of town. If everyone would co-operate with the Social Service committee, it would materially benefit the work and insure all needy families of help in proportion to their need.

Residents of Northfield who have clothing and old linen which they are willing to give to the Health Council should notify the members of the Social Service committee.

In organizing the new branch of service Miss Mattoon has appointed Mrs. John T. Holden, chairman. Assisting in this particular field of work will be Mrs. Gordon Moody and Mrs. Melvin Gallagher.

## The Fortnightly Have A Discussion On Censorship

"Censorship" was fully presented in its various aspects by a group of members of the Fortnightly, last Friday afternoon at Alexander Hall. Miss Mercy Brann was chairman of the group which consisted of Miss C. Ina Merriman, Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, Rev. Mary Andrews Conner, Mrs. George H. Foster and Mrs. E. J. Livingston.

The story of censorship, as used in the past and present was considered and its application to present-day problems was pictured.

After the business session at which Mrs. Goodspeed, the president presided the meeting was turned over for the program of the day. Miss Helen Savchiff rendered two violin solos accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Donald Williams. Tea was served and Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Mrs. William D. Miller and Miss Anne Campbell were the hostesses.

The next regular meeting will be in Alexander hall on Friday, March 3 at three o'clock when Mrs. Hortense Howes of Ashfield will speak on "An Afternoon of Humor." The hostesses will be Mrs. Clarence Steadler, Mrs. Robert G. McCastline and Mrs. John F. McNeil.

The session of the Fortnightly on March 17 will be guest night, with an illustrated lecture on Ireland by Mrs. Robert Farmer in Alexander hall. On April 7 the program calls for a book review by Mrs. Ellen Ely Kyburg in Alexander hall and the final meeting on April 21 will be the annual meeting held in Alexander hall.

## The County S. P. C. C. Gives Its 1938 Report

The County S. P. C. C. has rendered its report for the year 1938 and provides some interesting figures. Its total income was \$3148.96 and its total expenses were \$4052.64, leaving a net deficit of \$903.68. Of the subscriptions received, Northfield contributed \$186.85 which was \$5.80 more than the amount of gifts in 1937. The total number of families investigated during the year was 174 with a total number of children involved of 388. These figures greatly exceed the figures of the past two years. Of the families investigated some 14 required court action and of the children involved, some thirty received court consideration.

The staff physician examined 70 children. Four of the families investigated were in Northfield and the others distributed about the various towns of the county with the largest proportion in Greenfield and Turners Falls. Mrs. Fred A. Holton and Dr. R. G. McCastline of this town are members of the directors of the organization and Dr. H. L. Hardy is the staff physician.

The society has done a most commendable work and deserves to be fully supported in its endeavors.

## Hermon - Seminary Sunday Speakers

Dr. Paul Moody, president of Middlebury college and chairman of the Northfield General conference, which was founded by his father, Dwight L. Moody, will be in Northfield this week-end and will speak at both Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon school on Sunday. Dr. Moody will address the Seminary girls at the 11 o'clock morning worship service, and will speak to the Mt. Hermon boys at 5 o'clock vesper.

## Enroute From Sweden

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson of Stockholm, Sweden, are on a journey back home to America for a short stay. They sailed from Stockholm last Saturday for New York City, via the Swedish Line and upon arrival will go to Oldwick, N. J., to visit Mr. Dickerson's mother, Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson, for a while, after which they will come to Northfield, to visit with Mrs. Dickerson's mother, Mrs. William R. Moody. Their many friends will be happy to greet them.

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Tuesday, March 7th - - - - 8 p. m.

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BLACK RASPBERRIES . . . No. 303 can 12 1/2c

CARNATION MILK . . . . . 3 tall cans 20c

Cannon ASPARAGUS . . . . . No. 2 can 12c

Kellogg's Corn Flakes Pkg 6c

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BREAD and PASTRY FLOUR . . . 24 1/2-lb 59c

Blue Wrap—full 1-lb package

MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, ELBOWS . . . 5c

Universal PEANUT BUTTER . . . 24-oz. jar 19c

Sunsweet PRUNE JUICE . . . . . qt. 16c

Pink Salmon Can 10c

Del Monte PEAS . . . . . No. 2 can 13c

Del Monte PEARS . . . . . No. 2 1/2 can 17c

Dole's Crushed PINEAPPLE . . No. 2 can 13 1/2c

Del Monte SARDINES (in tomato sauce) can 9c

Del Monte Seedless RAISINS 3 15-oz. pkg. 25c

Eatwell Bonita TUNA FISH . . . . . can 12 1/2c

Alameda Tomato CATSUP . . 3 14-oz. bot. 25c

Seashell Clams 2 Cans 19c

B &amp; M Fancy Maine

Golden Bantam CORN . . . . . 3 No. 2 cans 25c

Pure EGG NOODLES . . . . . 16-oz. pkg. 10c

SHRIMP, delicious medium . . . . . can 10c

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10; regular preaching service at 11 with special anthems by the choir, and the sermon subject will be "The Cathedral of Christianity." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30, followed by a worship service; the Barber district service at the home of Mrs. Allen Field; at 7, meeting of the Senior Endeavor; at 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 3, Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class meet with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Ladies' Sewing society, with lunch at noon; at 7:30 weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

Friday, 7:30, Evening Auxiliary meets with Mrs. Marshall; subject, "India's Problems"; leaders, Miss Mercy Brann and Mrs. George Norton.

Tuesday at 6:30 Franklin county Congregational club dinner at the Mansion House, Greenfield, followed by an address by Rev. Herbert Welsh, M. E. Bishop of the Boston area.

### SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The service will center about the first step in the general study during Lent of the epic of the "Emergence of the Spiritual from the Natural."

### Lock Your Autos

When you drive to the "big towns" and leave your auto, to do your shopping be sure to take your keys out of the car and lock the doors. It is said that in Greenfield recently much pilfering has been done to automobiles. Chief of police O'Connell advises all to heed the warning.

### Electric Co. Elect

At the annual meeting of the Western Massachusetts companies held in Boston last week, all the officers and directors were re-elected for the ensuing year. George W. Lawrence of Greenfield is president. The company controls most of the utility services in western Massachusetts including Northfield.

### HEALTH — JOY

Good health requires patient grit. And grace and silent rest—Visions from the mountain vistas From ocean shores—new breath

New diversions and new pursuits Lift us to joyous living. Give us courage and true wisdom In shaping our good feeling.

Weeding out all non-essentials, Keeping love, and heart of hope; We rouse and find, the joy of living For which we in darkness grope. —Bertha S. Lazelle

# Going skiing?

Accommodations are scarce. Better telephone ahead for reservations and avoid disappointment. Out-of-town telephone rates are low by day and especially cheap evenings after 7 and all day Sunday.

For your convenience a few rates\* are listed below. Long distance operator will quote you, at no charge, the day or night rate to any other point.

### Between NORTHFIELD and

	Day	Night
Rate	Rate	Rate
Franconia, N.H.	.80	.40
Rutland, Vt.	.55	.30
Stowe, Vt.	.85	.45
N. Conway, N.H.	.80	.40

\*3-minute station-to-station rates.

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## ODDITIES AT THE FAIR

NEW YORK — Here are a few of the strikingly unusual things visitors will find at the New York World's Fair 1939:

A parachute tower from which visitors may "ball out" at an elevation of 250 feet and be sure of a "happy landing."

Revolving "magic carpets" from which you may look down as from a height of two miles upon "The City of Tomorrow" inside the 200-foot Perisphere.

A "Tree of Life" carved from the trunk and branches of an elm planted in Connecticut in 1781 by Revolutionary War prisoners.

"Steve Brodie" jumping six times a day from a reproduction of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The most valuable wheat field for its size in the world in full growth.

Five million dollars worth of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and other gems in one glittering display.

The steel-walled bathysphere in which descent has been made miles down in the black depths of the ocean.

"Rocket gun" by which passengers will be shot to the moon, or Mars some day—perhaps.

The model of a human eye so large visitors may enter it and look out upon the Fair's busy scene just as if the eye were doing the looking.

Two hundred blooded cows being milked daily on a revolving platform.

An orange grove transplanted intact all the way from Florida. Automobiles with living drivers in hair-raising collisions and flying somersaults.

The largest opal in the world. An oil well in operation with real drillers in the "cast."

The largest model railroad ever constructed. Puppets 14 feet tall dramatizing the contents of the familiar bathroom medicine cabinet.

Displays of rare orchids, renewed every three days by plants flown to the Fair from Venezuela.

The tremendous discharge of 10,000,000 volts of man-made lightning.

A Brazilian exhibit building erected on stilts.

A floor made of cotton.

Ricksha runners from South Africa six and a half feet tall and clad mostly in feathers, horns and beads.

A waterfall cascading from the high roof of a building.

Mural paintings that change their colors while you're looking at them.

Fireworks set to music in related patterns of color and light.

A city entirely populated by midgelets.

An automobile speedway half a mile long on top of an exhibit building.

Mighty snowstorms sweeping down out of a clear Spring sky.

A building turned inside out with its roofbeams on the outside.

Moving chairs traveling around in a building so visitors won't have to walk.

A flight to Venus so real you'll swear you've been there and met the folks.

The tallest mural paintings in the world.

A model of New York City so large that the Empire State Building is reproduced 23 feet tall.

A sphere 200 feet in diameter seeming to revolve on jets of water, like the little silver ball in the shooting-gallery.

A fountain that sings.

Paintings that have to be destroyed every night and done all over again next morning.

A "Fountain of the Atom," with electrons and protons dancing around a pulsating shaft of light.

## SOUTH VERNON (West Northfield)

Local friends of Frederick G. Brooks, national speaker for the Townsend Plan, will be interested to learn that he will broadcast from station WGY, Schenectady, next Monday at 1:15 o'clock. Mr. Brooks is a nephew of Mrs. R. E. Bruce and Mrs. M. H. Brown of South Vernon.

Mrs. Peter Skib, who has been ill with the grippe, is out again.

Peter Skib spoke before the International club at Mt. Hermon Sunday evening.

Fred Britt, who was injured some time ago in an automobile accident, has passed a physical examination to return to his work for the railroad.

Miss Grace Randall is having a vacation from her teaching in Gill. She spent the week-end in Boston.

Ernest Johnson of Boston, negro tenor, will sing at the morning evening services at the South Vernon church Sunday. Morning worship at 10:45 with sermon by the pastor; Sunday school at 12:15; young people's meeting at the parsonage at 6; evening service at 7. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home at 7, Thursday.

There will be a meeting of the Miss society this Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Home.

The congregation of the Vernon Union church is invited to unite with this church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Day were in Palmer Sunday to attend the funeral of R. K. Harris, who retired recently as Roadmaster of the C. V. railroad. Mr. Day had worked under Mr. Harris for 21 years.

There will be a card party at the Vernon town hall this Friday evening for the benefit of the Merry Workers 4-H club of Vernon.

Mr. Griswold and son, Erwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanborn of Worcester, called on F. H. Leavitt, Feb. 12 to help him celebrate his birthday.

Edwin S. Brailey of the Vernon Home celebrated his birthday Feb. 17 and received a birthday cake. Mrs. Christine Corser has finished work at the Vernon Home. Her place is taken by Miss Nina Gray.

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Mead of Alton Bay, N. H., who are living at the Vernon Home, observed their 52nd wedding anniversary last Saturday. They received a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webster of Laconia, N. H. who brought many good things to eat, which was shared by all.

Thirty people attended the card party at the Pond school Monday evening. First prizes were won by Mrs. Helen Tefft and Algot Scherlin. Consolation prize went to Leighton Lane and the door prize to Jackson Emery. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge, consisting of Misses Winona Scherlin, Elizabeth Derrig, Marion and Isabelle Tyler and Addie Belle Lane.

A double wedding anniversary celebration was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Scherlin in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Algot Scherlin, who have been married 24 years and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Needham of Guilford who were wed 19 years ago.

Edward Corey is employed by William Mitchell as helper on a truck, hauling logs to Tenney and Smead's mill.

A. A. and E. W. Dunklee attended a meeting of the Franklin county Jersey Cattle Breeders' association in Greenfield Wednesday.

The entertainment given by the Hi Boys at the Vernon Grange hall Tuesday evening was a success. \$30 was cleared above expenses for the South School dental clinic.

Miss Marcia Beers spent Tuesday with a friend in Deerfield. Richard Gallup of Shelburne Falls is employed by Clarence Beers.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jilison, formerly of South Vernon, now of Concord, N. H. was slightly injured recently in a coasting accident.

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The former Vernon Green Tea House, which was operated by Mrs. R. H. Towner for a time, has been leased to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Hooper of Boston, who will use it for residence purposes. Mr. Hooper is with the General Motors Co., in Boston.

Among those students selected at Deerfield Academy as members of the glee club, is Norman Town-er of Vernon. He is a first tenor.

Alumni Secretary Frank E. Dunn of Mt. Hermon school, was the speaker at the men's class of the Second Congregational church at Greenfield last Sunday morn-ing.

Before proceeding to Cali-fornia, Mrs. W. P. Stanley of Highland avenue, will visit her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Dine in Detroit, Mich., for a brief time and then join Mrs. Pattison in Chicago, for the journey westward. In April Mrs. Stanley will accompany the Pat-tison family to their large ranch in Westsummerland, British Colum-bia, making the trip by motor. About the first of May Mrs. Stan-ley will return to her home here, via the Canadian Rockies by train.

Robert DeVeer, who is attend-ing Middlebury college, partici-pated in a dance skit in the cpl-lege play, given during the ice and ski carnival last week and made quite a hit in the character he assumed.

Through a bequest of the late Miss Alice F. Dickinson, who died at Amherst on Jan. 29, the North-field schools will receive the sum of \$500.

Miss Luella Smith of Kenarden hall will spend the week-end on a visit with friends in New York City.

Lester A. Polhemus returned this week from a vacation spent in Florida, where he met many of our Northfield neighbors.

H. W. Doremus, of New York City, who has spent the past six weeks at his cottage on Rustic Ridge, returned home on Wednes-day. The insurance on his house, which suffered a recent fire, has been settled through the agency of Mr. Fitt.

Mrs. Frank H. Montague en-tertained friends at a bridge party at her home on Main street, Tuesday afternoon.

Local boys whose names ap-peared on the Mt. Hermon school cut list for the last six weeks marking period include: Richard and Robert Birdsall, Carleton Finch, Kenneth Franz, Richard Stevens, and Charles Thompson. Richard Birdsall was one of 12 boys in the school to receive high honors.

Over a hundred guests are registered at the Northfield hotel this week. Some have come for the winter sports but there is a large group of teachers from Bos-ton who are on a week's vacation for rest and recreation.

Last week Thursday evening an automobile containing three young men coming from Millers Falls on the Farms road, skidded just north of the Parker farm and left the road, striking a pole. The car was badly damaged, but the occupants were uninjured.

We have had all sorts of weath-er since last Thursday and the week had its share of extreme cold, rain and sleet, high winds with one day of warmth thrown in. Traveling has been difficult for most of the days with its ice and snow.

Miss Natalie Briesmaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster is visiting relatives in New York City this week.

Lent began Wednesday, Feb. 22, and will continue through Holy Week ending with Easter on Sunday, April 9.

If they are traveling according to their pre-arranged schedule, Julius and Lee Wahl, house par-ents of the local youth hostel should be crossing the line at Laredo this week-end into Mexico on their trailer trip.

Rev. Lester White of Mt. Her-mon is scheduled for the Lenten service at the First Congregation-al church, Greenfield, on Sunday, March 26.

Fifteen preliminary students have been accepted into the nurs-es school at the Franklin county hospital and includes Miss Agnes Blake of this town.

Mrs. Arthur Packard and her son Billie, of Rye, N. Y., are visiting her mother Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead this week.

Russell Durgin, who with his wife, have been spending several months in Northfield, expects to leave for Japan in June, to re-turn to his work with the Y. M. C. A. in that country.

The Northfield Book club has presented to the Dickinson li-brary a travel book, "Scandinavia Beckons," in memory of Mrs. Harry A. Lewis, one of the chart-er members of the club.

The members of the school com-mittee held their meeting for or-ganization for the year last week and chose Irving J. Lawrence, chairman and Dorothy L. Miller secretary. The other member of the committee is Edgar J. Living-ston.

The Board of Registrars of the town have completed their can-vass of the residents of the town.

Miss Elsie Eckman of Roxbury is a guest of Mrs. William R. Moody. She was formerly for sev-eral years organist for the Gen-eral conference, and is now a teacher of music in Boston.

The Pocumtuck Valley Mem-orial association will hold its 69th annual meeting in Deerfield next Saturday afternoon. Among those to present historical papers is John E. Gale of Guilford who has studied much of the Indian life in our vicinity.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer and Mrs. Martin E. Vorce attended the meeting of the Massachusetts Re-publican Women's club in Boston last week Friday. Through the courtesy of Senator James A. Gunn they visited the sessions of both the House and Senate on Beacon Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mattoon of Main street have enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Char-lotte Hall of Norfolk, Va. the past week.

Miss Jean Hopkins, a cousin of Harry L. Hopkins, Secretary of Commerce, is visiting Mrs. Ethel Hopkins at her home here this week.

A very fine article of apprecia-tion of the services of Dr. H. A. Ironside and J. S. Shufelt, in the recent series of meeting at the local Congregational church, ap-pears in the publication of the Moody Memorial church of Chi-cago this week. It was written from Northfield and conveys the expression of local friends.

The Northfield Schools have issued a communication to the parents and guardians of stud-ents, that owing to widely recog-nized economic difficulties and the decreasing interest on invested funds, the trustees find it neces-sary to advance the all inclusive school charge for the school year of 1939 to 1940 from \$375 to \$425.

Miss Betty Nilo who has made her home with Mrs. L. H. Lazelle for the past two years is now with Mrs. John E. Nye at her home on Main street.

Many of our residents received this week the annual "Home Al-manac" of the Ford Motor Co. It is a valuable publication and for many years has been used as a fact book about the home. It con-tains much valuable information. It's a calendar for the whole year. You can get a copy at Spencer Bros. garage for the asking.

At the Latchis theatre in Brat-leboro is being shown "The Dawn Patrol" which will continue through Saturday. Errol Flynn is in the leading role of the play which depicts a war-time aviation story with the British Royal Fly-ing corps in 1951.

Build Exhibits for World's Fair



These Massachusetts youths are two of a large group of model builders, members of the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild, who were selected by a leading studio to aid in constructing displays for the New York World's Fair. Left to right are, Gregory Filias, 18 years old, and Frank A. Kelly, Jr., 19, both of Manchester. They are shown at work at the New York headquarters of the firm where the General Motors "Highways and Horizons" exhibit, largest diorama ever built, is under construction. It will cover 30,000 square feet. It contains 400,000 separate build-ings, 300,000 miniature trees and approximately 50,000 perfect scale model automobiles.

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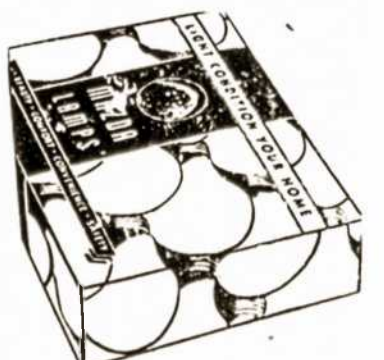
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### EDITORIAL

The forty days of Lent, in the Christian year, which began on Wednesday, are a commemoration of Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness. Some time during this long and lonely pilgrimage, perhaps toward its close, came the temptations and events which are recorded in the Gospels. Lent is not merely a traditional observance, but a season of quiet meditation for the growth of the soul, in wisdom and in the cultivation of the spiritual life. It is a period for the development of the nobler impulses within us. Well may we ponder upon the Christ-life in Lent.

A commentator said over the radio, one evening last week, as he enumerated the news items and dwelt upon them, that he felt he "was in a fog." It's sad news near. War and wars are in the making and hate, fear, brutality and inhumanity are in evidence. We pick up the paper and read, but the headlines give us the jitters. We too are "in a fog."

A year or so ago, the editor of the "Press," commented upon the fact that there was no need of any further organizations, except one, perhaps for the purpose of co-ordinating our charitable efforts and to intelligently prosecute our charitable endeavors. The situation has presented a real problem, inasmuch as individuals and groups have insisted on personal efforts and overlapping, duplication and waste have been evident. Just now, a few of our citizens are studying plans to create a clearing house for charity and to establish a committee or society, whose sole purpose will be the administration of charitable purpose. An incorporated society may be in the making.

### Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that a major development in aviation in 1938 was perfection of the electric supercharger at the General Electric plant in Lynn which made possible Howard Hughes' around-the-world flight and opens the way to flying in the stratosphere . . .

Gardner, with an elevation of 1294 feet above sea level, is the highest city in Massachusetts . . . King's chapel in Boston was built of Quincy granite in 1752. Quincy officials then became fearful that the supply of rock would give out and passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of granite for outside purposes . . . The Massachusetts State Police was started in 1875, primarily for the enforcement of liquor laws . . . The first Bible published in this country was issued from the Harvard College Press in 1663 and was in the Indian language . . . The Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded was one of the first of its kind in the country . . . Worcester is known as the "Heart of the Commonwealth" and the geographic center of the state is within its borders . . . The Cape Cod canal is 13 miles long and save 70 miles of water travel between Boston and New York City . . . A fifty million dollar battleship, named "Massachusetts" is now being built by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation of Quincy . . . The father of American newspapering was Benjamin Harris of Boston. He published the first newspaper, called "Public Occurrences" on Sept. 25, 1890 . . . The State Planning Board is preparing a map of special auto tours in Massachusetts.

**The Back Yard Gardener**

"As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen. That's an old weather saying, and it certainly is true this year. More snow right now than we have had all winter—at least in my neck of the woods. However, snow is a good thing for gardens and it's a good time right now to be doing a little checking up as it were. You've heard another old expression, 'As dilapidated as a last year's bird's nest.' Well, that's usually the way with our garden equipment this time of year—somewhat dilapidated, usually covered with rust and dirt,

etc. So right now let's give it the once over.

The mention of birds reminds me to check up birdhouses. Take them down, clean them out, wash them with good hot water and soap, and put them back so they will be nice and fresh for spring.

Check over lawn mowers, oil them, clean them, get them sharpened if they need it. We should paint our hoes and other tools, at least the metal part and give the handles a good rub with sandpaper and then with boiled oil. This makes them smooth and almost waterproof.

I got to checking over my spray equipment and found that one piece was blamed near ruined simply because I had left the spray material in it the last time I used it.

Another thing that we can do right now, is to make changes in garden program. Sit down and put on your paper a rough outline of your garden and then plan changes you want to make.

Cover crop is something to which every gardener should give more consideration. Farmers use this idea quite regularly, planting rye, buckwheat, or something like that in the fall and plowing the crop under in the spring. And I personally think it would be a mighty fine idea if every back yard gardener would do the same thing. I had every intention of doing it in my vegetable garden last fall, but—well, I just didn't get to it. It's just like adding compost.

Creosote—this is an oil which comes as a by-product of the manufacture of crude tar and is used in disinfectants and as an insect repellent. Creosote is also used in trenches as a barrier against cinch bugs. It is used for killing eggs of such insects as gypsy moth and also for treating wood to prevent the termites and other insects from working in the wood.

Crop rotation is a similar subject to cover crop, and I was almost ready to pass this by thinking that everybody would certainly know about crop rotation. Then I recalled a little story I heard which indicates that apparently not everybody does know what crop rotation is. This by the way is a true story.

A group of young men were taking an examination for a position which demanded some knowledge of agriculture. They were given a 100-acre farm which was divided into five lots of 20 acres each, one of the 20 acres being an orchard. And they were asked to give a five-year rotation for this particular farm. Some of them actually moved the orchard every year.

Garden specialists say that we should grow certain crops first in one part of the garden and then in another. In this way there is less chance of disease and insects which attack a particular crop of becoming established. Furthermore, some vegetables require more of a particular plant food element than do other plants and if you change them to different parts of the garden each year, you will keep a better balance in your plant food.

Back yard garden folks frequently write and ask about propagating numerous and sundry of their flowers, and of course one very common way to propagate is by the use of so-called cuttings.

Did you ever hear of indolebutyric acid, indole-propionic acid, indole-acetic acid, naphthalene-acetic acid, and phenyl-acetic acid? Those are things which help your cuttings grow, and it is really the purpose of this little chat today to tell you a bit about these so-called synthetic growth substances.

I'm not an authority on the subject. I'm merely quoting from an article which I read put out by the New York Experiment Station at Geneva. You folks have all seen advertised these substances which are supposed to aid the propagator in growing cuttings. They are all merely chemicals. None of them are plant hormones isolated from the plant as some people would have you believe. And the five that I mentioned are

the ones that are used most frequently and, according to this article, give the most promise—altogether they say you can't promise anything because experiments have in many cases been contradictory.

These plant growth substances come as liquid or paste or powder. They say that powder is a little more easily applied and more nearly fool-proof. So if you want to try some, you might start with one of the powders.

But here's the catch to the matter, or at least I think so. They say that treatment with these synthetic substances will not make up for any lack in propagating skill. In other words, you've got to know your propagating systems even though you do use these other substances. These other substances merely put a little more push into the particular cutting.

As I said, their experiments were not all in favor of the substances and sometimes they were contradictory. For example, identical tests conducted in 1938 failed to bring about the same results as those obtained in 1937.

One thing I remember about their report was that cuttings of Rosa multiflora and Paul's Scarlet climber, which ordinarily root satisfactorily without special

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